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FACEBOOK'S 'REACTIONS'

😍 or 😮 over the change? Here's what to know about the new feature

Associated Press

Facebook's "like" button isn't going away, but it's about to get some company.

Facebook has been testing alternatives to "like" in about a half-dozen countries, including Ireland, Spain and Japan. On Wednesday, it started making "haha," "angry" and three other new responses available in the U.S. and the rest of the world.

In changing a core part of Facebook—the 7-year-old "like" button has become synonymous with the social network—the company said it tried to keep things familiar. The thumbs-up "like" button will look just as it long has, without the other choices cluttering the screen or confusing people. You have to hold that button for a second or two for the alternatives to pop up.

Here are seven things to know about Facebook's latest feature, known as Reactions.

What's not to like?

When a friend posts that his father has died, or a cousin gets frustrated with her morning commute, hitting "like" might seem insensitive. Users have long requested a "dislike" button, but that was deemed too negative and problematic. Are you disliking the death or the call for sympathy?

Facebook chose to offer more nuanced reactions—"love," "haha," "wow," "sad" and "angry," alongside "like"—to give users "greater control over their expressivity," said Julie Zhuo, Facebook's product design director.

Why these choices?

Facebook went through comments on friends' posts, as well as emoji-like stickers people were using. It chose the most common ones and tested those.

Facebook ultimately chose these six reactions for their universal appeal—something that could be understood around the world. Even a generic happy face "was a little bit ambiguous and harder for people to understand," Zhuo said.

Each reaction comes with an animated emoji, such as the thumbs-up for "like" and a heart for "love." These emojis will look the same around the world, but phrases such as "love" will be translated.

'Like' still takes center stage

Zhuo said people click on "like" more than a billion times per day, so "we didn't want to make that any harder." It's still the go-to reaction for most posts. But Zhuo said in the countries tested, people used the alternatives more frequently over time.

How to get started

The rollout is expected to take a few days to complete. You'll get the feature automatically on Web browsers, but you'll need to update your app on iPhones and Android devices (no word yet on Windows and BlackBerry).

Facebook already shows how many people like a post and lets you tap or click on the count for a list of people. With Reactions, you see how many people have reacted in some way, along with the top three reactions. You can get breakdowns for each reaction—the total and specific people. If you don't update your app, you'll just see the number of likes.

A happy bias?

Facebook has a complex formula for deciding which of your friends' posts are more prominent. Ones that get a lot of likes, for instance, will tend to show up higher. Now, posts marked "angry" or "wow" will bump up, too.

But Facebook wants to show what it thinks you're most interested in—and that might ultimately mean mostly happy posts, rather than ones that evoke sadness or anger. Zhuo said Facebook will tweak its formulas based on how people respond.

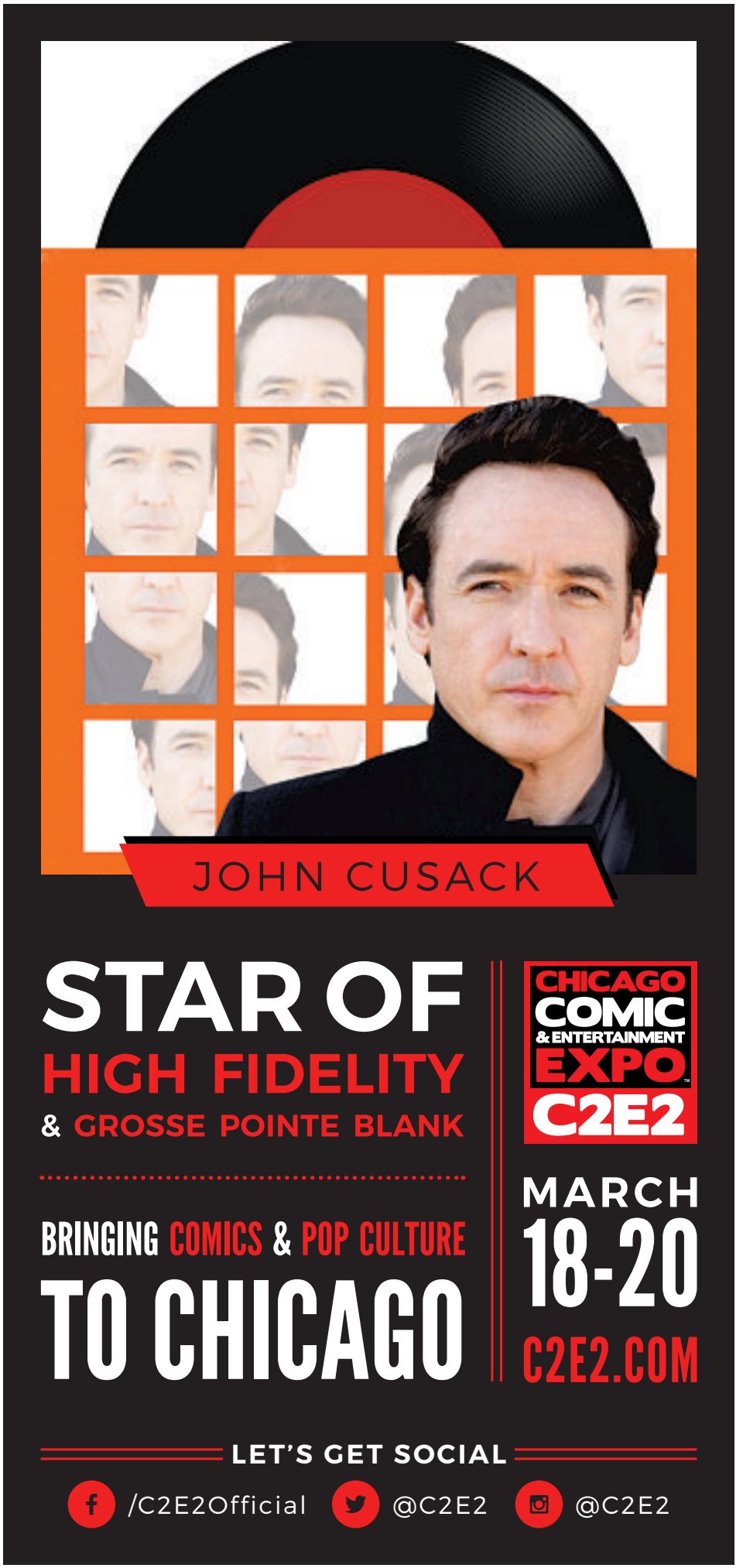
Express that anger

These alternative reactions are for all posts, including those from groups and brands. A company won't be able to block the ability to mark its posts with anger.

It took a year to develop

Why so long? Besides deciding on how many and which specific reactions to offer, Facebook needed to figure out the right way for people to discover and use it. Zhuo said CEO Mark Zuckerberg pushed for the long-press method as a balance.

The feature is expected to evolve over time, and Facebook may add or change choices based on feedback.



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3 PERSPECTIVES ON ONE RELATIONSHIP QUESTION

Welcome to "Threesome." Each week, we'll take a look at a relationship question from the public and have three panelists give their insights. Have a question to ask? Shoot it over to us on Twitter at **@redeyechicago** or on our Facebook page. If it's a little more private, feel free to email it to **redeye@redeyechicago.com** with the word "Threesome" in the subject line.

What are some good first date questions? I want to be able to keep the conversation going if it hits a stagnant point, so what are some questions that I could use to either get to know more about the person or generate laughs? I haven't been on a first date in five years, so I'm a bit nervous ... *—Question via Reddit*

Fred
Single, 35
» Host of "Fred and Angi in the Morning" on 103.5 KISS-FM
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First date essential questions: Do you have any communicable diseases? Have you kissed anyone recently who could have been exposed to Zika (similar to question No. 1). Are any of your exes related to El Chapo? Is there ANY chance you or someone you know won $500 million in the most recent Powerball? ALL of these could be game changers, respectively. But, actually, I am told that on a successful first date the most beneficial conversation would include a lot of give and take. So while asking about hobbies, travel and pop-culture interests (music, movies, TV) keeps things light while getting some insight into the kind of person you're talking to, hopefully you don't need a list of questions.

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Single, 30
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The pool of questions you can ask on a first date is deep. You might need a conversational buoy just to stay afloat in most situations. If you haven't already established a conversation with the person (maybe you started talking online, or maybe they're a co-worker), I would start with general questions, which might then lead to more in-depth questions. You might ask, "What neighborhood do you live in?" Depending on the answer, you could springboard into one of your favorite hang places in said neighborhood. If you're meeting at a bar, start rambling about favorite drinks. I usually do, which leads to surprisingly deep conversations about craft beer. Yes, I'm a beer aficionado (see: beer snob). There are so many directions to take the conversation. To bring things back to my swimming pool metaphor, just go with the flow. You'll find the tides will move in your favor.

Keri Wiginton
Married, 33
» Photo editor and part-time advice giver at the Chicago Tribune
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I'm an introvert, so I hate small talk. I almost always go right to someone's backstage, as my sociologist husband refers to it. That means I get really personal, really fast. I'm also a journalist, so I ask a lot of questions in general. Why did you choose your career? What do you do in your spare time? What books are you reading? Are you into lucid dreaming? No? You need to learn now! With that said, you can also keep it simple and ask about siblings, parents, college, etc. Ask about anything they're interested in doing. What are their hobbies? Where's the next place they want to travel? Exactly WHICH Ryan Reynolds movie is their favorite? Just make sure not to talk too much about yourself. You need to ask questions that show you're interested in the other person.

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Tom Ricketts
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THE MOUTHWATCH

"ONE TIME LAST YEAR WE WERE ON A BUS RIDE GOING TO THE HOTEL. I WAS CALLED TO THE BACK OF THE BUS BY ROSSY, WHO SAID, 'I NEED TO GET A HASHTAG FOR MY TWEET.' "

—Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, recalling teammate David Ross' slow understanding of social media. Bryant and Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo are giving the 38-year-old Ross a "farewell tour" on Instagram (@grandparossy_3) before he retires after this season.

RICKETTS: WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE

CUBS OWNER UNFAZED BY DONALD TRUMP'S TWITTER THREAT

By Mark Gonzales | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs owner Tom Ricketts emphasized his preference to re-sign president Theo Epstein while stressing he and his family have nothing to hide regarding a threatening tweet by presidential candidate Donald Trump.

"It's a little surreal when Donald Trump threatens your mom," Ricketts quipped in response to Trump's tweet that the Ricketts family has a lot to hide after it was revealed that matriarch Marlene Ricketts contributed heavily to an anti-Trump committee.

"But the fact is whether it's my mom, or my dad on his Ending Spending stuff, or my sister on marriage equality, or my brothers on what they do, or what we do with the team, we're pretty much an open book. We stand up for what we believe in. We support the causes we think are important. And that's what America should be. That's who we are.

"Look, if we had something to hide, you guys would have found it by now, I'm sure."

Ricketts had dinner with Epstein on Tuesday and expressed a sense of urgency to re-sign Epstein and make him the highest-paid executive.

"I think he's the best at what he does in the game, and from a compensation standpoint, it should be reflected," Ricketts said. "I think we're generally on the same page. We spend a lot of time together, not just on a contract."

Epstein is in the final year of a five-year, $18 million contract. Since then, Los Angeles Dodgers president Andrew Friedman has dwarfed that contract with a five-year, $35 million contract signed before the 2015 season.

Ricketts stressed that the Cubs' goal is to win the World Series.

Renovations at Wrigley Field remain on schedule, and Ricketts would like to start discussions involving an All-Star Game as soon as renovations are complete.

Discussions with the city of Chicago to improve security around Clark and Addison are ongoing.

The Cubs' projected payroll is expected to hover around $150 million, the highest in franchise history. And that doesn't concern Ricketts, especially since renovations will result in more revenues, along with a new local television contract after 2019.

"We're comfortable with where our payroll is now," Ricketts said. "Can it go forward? Yeah. The fact is we've done a lot to grow the revenues of the team over that length of time. We're in a good spot. And to be able to have this payroll with an old TV deal is pretty good. With a new TV deal, we should have more financial flexibility."

Aaaaand now ... your Windy City Bulls!

The Bulls organization's new NBA Development League team in Hoffman Estates has an official name: The Windy City Bulls.

Along with the name, the team unveiled a pair of logos Wednesday at Eisenhower Junior High School in Hoffman Estates. The Windy City Bulls will play their home games at the Sears Centre beginning with the 2016-17 season.

Other finalists for the name were the Great Lakes Bulls and the Heartland Bulls.

THE DIGIT

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That's how much former Blackhawks and Team Canada goaltender Ed Belfour made by auctioning his gold medal from the 2002 Olympics. He sold it and other memorabilia for a total of almost $179,000 to help launch a distilling business with his son.

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—White Sox outfielder **Adam Eaton** (who is 5-foot-8), on trying to overcome his slow start last season

Jay Cutler and coach John Fox
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John has Jay's back

After a season working closely with Jay Cutler, Bears coach John Fox continues to offer heartfelt praise for the veteran quarterback.

"He was probably one of the brightest spots, I think, about our first year in Chicago and getting to know our players," Fox said Wednesday at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the NFL combine is being held.

Cutler had a solid 2015 season, completing 64.4 percent of his passes and throwing for 3,659 yards with 21 touchdown passes. More significantly, his turnover total dropped by 33 percent—from a league-high 24 in 2014 to 16 last season.

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Considering she spent her awkward teen years being raised by three clueless men, she should've been all sorts of messed up by the time Aunt Becky joined the family. But D.J. has to be one of the most well-adjusted, non-annoying kids ever to grace the small screen.

And let's not forget that even though the last two episodes of the series center around the drama of Michelle suffering from amnesia, it's ultimately D.J. getting ready to go to prom and kissing Steve in front of everyone that steals the final scene. Clearly the writers had a favorite kid, too, and her name is Donna Jo Tanner.

—ELISE DE LOS SANTOS

STEPHANIE

The middle kid always gets lost in the shuffle. As the oldest, D.J. learned the most "lessons," and baby Michelle was full of cute kid gimmicks. But I would argue that Stephanie was always really the star of the show.

Let's go back to Season 1, when Stephanie was a curly-haired 5-year-old who cracked wise and gave the adults a hard time. D.J. was sulky and too old to really be cute, and Michelle was a blob in a crib. Steph was the glue that brought "Full House" together.

My case can be made by a Season 1 episode called "Sisterly Love" when D.J. is auditioning for a commercial but they cast Stephanie instead because she's so damn adorable. Stephanie wasn't even in the running and she beat out her older sister. How could D.J. compete?

Some might say that Stephanie quickly outgrew her cuteness, only to be replaced by younger model Michelle, but that overlooks the fact that Michelle Tanner was the worst. The most spoiled TV child of all time, she was constantly manipulating everyone in her family to get her way. How could anyone watch her and not be infuriated by the fact that adults were making big decisions based on a bratty child's whims?

The best kid title has to go to Stephanie. She was the perfect mix of precocious and sweet—plus, "How rude!" is a way better catchphrase than "You got it, dude" anyway. —LAUREN CHVAL

MICHELLE

The baby of the family is always the cutest, and if you aren't aware of this you either don't have siblings or you're in denial. While Stephanie and D.J. were acting through their awkward years, Michelle's years on the show were her peak cuteness. The show ended around the time Michelle was 8, so she dodged that bullet (although I'm not sure Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen ever really had "awkward years").

D.J., being the oldest, has the burden of learning all sorts of "life lessons" on the show. Her storyline often included messages like "Don't drink" or "Don't stay out late," and I'm bored just thinking about it. Not to mention, she's to blame for the annoying presence of Kimmy Gibbler.

Then there's Stephanie. Usually I can sympathize with a middle child, but in this case I simply cannot. Most of her storyline revolves around spying on what D.J. is doing and reading DJ's diary. "How rude" is also an annoying catchphrase, why is she always so offended?

Michelle is clearly the best Tanner. Though all of the kids have cliche moments where the preachy undertones of the show shine through their character, Michelle is at least always cute and lovable. Who can deny that cute little pigtailed girl saying "You got it, dude!"? Added bonus: Her best friend Teddy is an awesome addition to the show. —ANNIE CERCONE

You can't go home again ... or can you?

By Elise De Los Santos | REDEYE

To save you from spending time IMDB-ing everyone during the first few episodes of "Fuller House," we pulled out some of the highlights (mainly starring or recurring roles) of the principal actors' careers since "Full House" ended its run in 1995. If you've been wondering why you haven't seen much of Kimmy (Andrea Barber), D.J. (Candace Cameron Bure) or Stephanie (Jodie Sweetin) in the years since oversized T-shirts and Laura Ashley florals were in vogue, that's because they didn't do much onscreen during that time, taking breaks from acting to raise families (Barber and Bure) or battling personal problems (Sweetin).

On the other end of the spectrum are the Olsen twins, who made enough movies in the late '90s and early '00s to weigh down the bottom of that wobbly bookshelf in your childhood bedroom, where the VHS tapes are still gathering dust as we speak. They soon graduated to the world of high fashion, which probably explains why we won't be seeing Michelle in the new Netflix original series.

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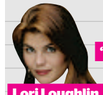
Bob Saget — *Danny*

- **'America's Funniest Home Videos' 1989-97** — *In the time before YouTube, people watched home videos on TV.*
- **'Raising Dad' 2001-02** — *Saget played a widower trying to raise his daughters (played by Kat Dennings and Brie Larson). Sound familiar?*
- **'How I Met Your Mother' 2005-14** — *He's old Ted the narrator, ICYMI.*
- **'Entourage' 2005-10** — *He played a raunchy, jerk version of himself.*
- **'Surviving Suburbia' 2009** — *Aka a male version of the show "Roseanne." Yeah.*
- **'Dirty Daddy' book & stand-up tour 2014** — *We're a long way from Danny Tanner.*
- **'Entourage' movie 2015**

John Stamos — *Uncle Jesse*

- **'Thieves' 2001-02** — *In the same year "Alias" and "24" premiered, Uncle Jesse went James Bond in "Thieves," which only lasted one season.*
- **'ER' 2005-09** — *Stamos followed in George Clooney's footsteps and became the de facto hospital hunk.*
- **'Jake in Progress' 2005-06** — *Reformed womanizer tries to find woman of his dreams, aka what would have happened if Aunt Becky hadn't come along.*
- **'Glee' 2010-11** — *He sings! And steals Miss Pillsbury from Mr. Schu for a few episodes.*
- **Oikos spokesman 2011-2015** — *Greek yogurt never looked so good.*
- **'Grandfathered' 2015-present** — *Womanizer discovers he has a son & granddaughter. Sensing a pattern here ...*



Lori Loughlin — *Aunt Becky*

- **'Hudson Street' 1995-96** — *She played a N.J. crime reporter. A far cry from "Wake up, San Francisco."*
- **'Summerland' 2004-05** — *Single woman raises orphaned niece & nephews with help from friends. Sound familiar? But baby Zac Efron & Jesse McCartney!*
- **'90210' 2008-12** — *This show lasted five seasons?!*
- **'When Calls the Heart' 2013-present** — *Hallmark meets "Little House on the Prairie."*
- **'Garage Sale Mystery' 2013-present** — *Yes, this is actually a thing. Five TV movies and counting, actually.*

Dave Coulier — *Uncle Joey*

- **founds F3 Entertainment 2000** — *A children's entertainment company.*
- **'The Surreal Life' 2004** — *Oh, boy.*
- **'Robot Chicken' 2005-08**
- **'Skating with Celebrities' 2006** — *Guess "Dancing with the Stars" wasn't interested?*
- **'China, IL' 2011-15** — *Both before and after "Full House," Coulier was a voice actor featured on many animated series, including, more recently, "Robot Chicken" and "China, IL."*

Candace Cameron Bure — *D.J.*

- *Apart from a few one-off appearances on TV shows such as "Boy Meets World" and "That's So Raven," Bure took a break from acting to raise her three children with Valeri Bure, whom she married in 1996.*
- **'Moonlight & Mistletoe' 2008** — *Tom Arnold + Hallmark movie = what?*
- **'Make It or Break It' 2009-12** — *Gymnastics drama in which her character works for/is having a relationship with someone named Steve Tanner.*
- **'Dancing with the Stars' 2014** — *Finished third with partner Mark Ballas.*
- **'The View' host 2015-present** — *No comment.*

Jodie Sweetin — *Stephanie*

- *After "Full House" wrapped, Sweetin struggled with substance abuse, drinking alcohol from age 14 and becoming addicted to ecstasy, meth and other drugs, though she eventually went to rehab and turned her life around, giving talks about the dangers of drinking and using drugs.*
- **'UnSweetined' memoir 2009** — *She detailed life as a child star and her battle with addiction.*
- **'Can't Get Arrested' 2011** — *Web series co-starring Dave Coulier*

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen — *Michelle*

- **'It Takes Two' 1995** — *You've watched all of these, right?*
- **'You're invited to Mary-Kate and Ashley's...' 1995-2000**
- **'Passport to Paris,' 'Switching Goals' 1999**
- **'Two of a Kind' 1998-1999**
- **'Our Lips are Sealed' 2000**
- **'Winning London,' 'Holiday in the Sun' 2001**
- **'Getting There,' 'When in Rome' 2002**
- **'The Challenge' 2003**
- **'New York Minute' 2004**
- **launch fashion label The Row 2006**
- **'Influence' 2008** — *A book of interviews with fashion people*
- **Womenswear Designer of the Year award 2012** — *They are legit fashion designers.*
- **Accessories Designer of the Year award 2014**
- **Womenswear Designer of the Year award 2015**

Andrea Barber — *Kimmy*

- **Not an error: Between 'Full House' and 'Fuller House,' Barber only appeared in "It's [Bleeplin' Late with Dave Coulier," playing—wait for it—Kimmy Gibbler.**

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Considering she spent her awkward teen years being raised by three clueless men, she should've been all sorts of messed up by the time Aunt Becky joined the family. But D.J. has to be one of the most well-adjusted, non-annoying kids ever to grace the small screen.

And let's not forget that even though the last two episodes of the series center around the drama of Michelle suffering from amnesia, it's ultimately D.J. getting ready to go to prom and kissing Steve in front of everyone that steals the final scene. Clearly the writers had a favorite kid, too, and her name is Donna Jo Tanner.

—ELISE DE LOS SANTOS

STEPHANIE

The middle kid always gets lost in the shuffle. As the oldest, D.J. learned the most "lessons," and baby Michelle was full of cute kid gimmicks. But I would argue that Stephanie was always really the star of the show.

Let's go back to Season 1, when Stephanie was a curly-haired 5-year-old who cracked wise and gave the adults a hard time. D.J. was sulky and too old to really be cute, and Michelle was a blob in a crib. Steph was the glue that brought "Full House" together.

My case can be made by a Season 1 episode called "Sisterly Love" when D.J. is auditioning for a commercial but they cast Stephanie instead because she's so damn adorable. Stephanie wasn't even in the running and she beat out her older sister. How could D.J. compete?

Some might say that Stephanie quickly outgrew her cuteness, only to be replaced by younger model Michelle, but that overlooks the fact that Michelle Tanner was the worst. The most spoiled TV child of all time, she was constantly manipulating everyone in her family to get her way. How could anyone watch her and not be infuriated by the fact that adults were making big decisions based on a bratty child's whims?

The best kid title has to go to Stephanie. She was the perfect mix of precocious and sweet—plus, "How rude!" is a way better catchphrase than "You got it, dude" anyway. —LAUREN CHVAL

MICHELLE

The baby of the family is always the cutest, and if you aren't aware of this you either don't have siblings or you're in denial. While Stephanie and D.J. were acting through their awkward years, Michelle's years on the show were her peak cuteness. The show ended around the time Michelle was 8, so she dodged that bullet (although I'm not sure Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen ever really had "awkward years").

D.J., being the oldest, has the burden of learning all sorts of "life lessons" on the show. Her storyline often included messages like "Don't drink" or "Don't stay out late," and I'm bored just thinking about it. Not to mention, she's to blame for the annoying presence of Kimmy Gibbler.

Then there's Stephanie. Usually I can sympathize with a middle child, but in this case I simply cannot. Most of her storyline revolves around spying on what D.J. is doing and reading DJ's diary. "How rude" is also an annoying catchphrase, why is she always so offended?

Michelle is clearly the best Tanner. Though all of the kids have cliche moments where the preachy undertones of the show shine through their character, Michelle is at least always cute and lovable. Who can deny that cute little pigtailed girl saying "You got it, dude!"? Added bonus: Her best friend Teddy is an awesome addition to the show. —ANNIE CERCONE

You can't go home again ... or can you?

By Elise De Los Santos | REDEYE

To save you from spending time IMDB-ing everyone during the first few episodes of "Fuller House," we pulled out some of the highlights (mainly starring or recurring roles) of the principal actors' careers since "Full House" ended its run in 1995. If you've been wondering why you haven't seen much of Kimmy (Andrea Barber), D.J. (Candace Cameron Bure) or Stephanie (Jodie Sweetin) in the years since oversized T-shirts and Laura Ashley florals were in vogue, that's because they didn't do much onscreen during that time, taking breaks from acting to raise families (Barber and Bure) or battling personal problems (Sweetin).

On the other end of the spectrum are the Olsen twins, who made enough movies in the late '90s and early '00s to weigh down the bottom of that wobbly bookshelf in your childhood bedroom, where the VHS tapes are still gathering dust as we speak. They soon graduated to the world of high fashion, which probably explains why we won't be seeing Michelle in the new Netflix original series.

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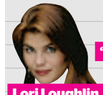
Bob Saget — *Danny*

- **'America's Funniest Home Videos' 1989-97** — *In the time before YouTube, people watched home videos on TV.*
- **'Raising Dad' 2001-02** — *Saget played a widower trying to raise his daughters (played by Kat Dennings and Brie Larson). Sound familiar?*
- **'How I Met Your Mother' 2005-14** — *He's old Ted the narrator, ICYMI.*
- **'Entourage' 2005-10** — *He played a raunchy, jerk version of himself.*
- **'Surviving Suburbia' 2009** — *Aka a male version of the show "Roseanne." Yeah.*
- **'Dirty Daddy' book & stand-up tour 2014** — *We're a long way from Danny Tanner.*
- **'Entourage' movie 2015**

John Stamos — *Uncle Jesse*

- **'Thieves' 2001-02** — *In the same year "Alias" and "24" premiered, Uncle Jesse went James Bond in "Thieves," which only lasted one season.*
- **'ER' 2005-09** — *Stamos followed in George Clooney's footsteps and became the de facto hospital hunk.*
- **'Jake in Progress' 2005-06** — *Reformed womanizer tries to find woman of his dreams, aka what would have happened if Aunt Becky hadn't come along.*
- **'Glee' 2010-11** — *He sings! And steals Miss Pillsbury from Mr. Schu for a few episodes.*
- **Oikos spokesman 2011-2015** — *Greek yogurt never looked so good.*
- **'Grandfathered' 2015-present** — *Womanizer discovers he has a son & granddaughter. Sensing a pattern here ...*



Lori Loughlin — *Aunt Becky*

- **'Hudson Street' 1995-96** — *She played a N.J. crime reporter. A far cry from "Wake up, San Francisco."*
- **'Summerland' 2004-05** — *Single woman raises orphaned niece & nephews with help from friends. Sound familiar? But baby Zac Efron & Jesse McCartney!*
- **'90210' 2008-12** — *This show lasted five seasons?!*
- **'When Calls the Heart' 2013-present** — *Hallmark meets "Little House on the Prairie."*
- **'Garage Sale Mystery' 2013-present** — *Yes, this is actually a thing. Five TV movies and counting, actually.*

Dave Coulier — *Uncle Joey*

- **founds F3 Entertainment 2000** — *A children's entertainment company.*
- **'The Surreal Life' 2004** — *Oh, boy.*
- **'Robot Chicken' 2005-08**
- **'Skating with Celebrities' 2006** — *Guess "Dancing with the Stars" wasn't interested?*
- **'China, IL' 2011-15** — *Both before and after "Full House," Coulier was a voice actor featured on many animated series, including, more recently, "Robot Chicken" and "China, IL."*

Candace Cameron Bure — *D.J.*

- *Apart from a few one-off appearances on TV shows such as "Boy Meets World" and "That's So Raven," Bure took a break from acting to raise her three children with Valeri Bure, whom she married in 1996.*
- **'Moonlight & Mistletoe' 2008** — *Tom Arnold + Hallmark movie = what?*
- **'Make It or Break It' 2009-12** — *Gymnastics drama in which her character works for/is having a relationship with someone named Steve Tanner.*
- **'Dancing with the Stars' 2014** — *Finished third with partner Mark Ballas.*
- **'The View' host 2015-present** — *No comment.*

Jodie Sweetin — *Stephanie*

- *After "Full House" wrapped, Sweetin struggled with substance abuse, drinking alcohol from age 14 and becoming addicted to ecstasy, meth and other drugs, though she eventually went to rehab and turned her life around, giving talks about the dangers of drinking and using drugs.*
- **'UnSweetined' memoir 2009** — *She detailed life as a child star and her battle with addiction.*
- **'Can't Get Arrested' 2011** — *Web series co-starring Dave Coulier*

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen — *Michelle*

- **'It Takes Two' 1995** — *You've watched all of these, right?*
- **'You're invited to Mary-Kate and Ashley's...' 1995-2000**
- **'Passport to Paris,' 'Switching Goals' 1999**
- **'Two of a Kind' 1998-1999**
- **'Our Lips are Sealed' 2000**
- **'Winning London,' 'Holiday in the Sun' 2001**
- **'Getting There,' 'When in Rome' 2002**
- **'The Challenge' 2003**
- **'New York Minute' 2004**
- **launch fashion label The Row 2006**
- **'Influence' 2008** — *A book of interviews with fashion people*
- **Womenswear Designer of the Year award 2012** — *They are legit fashion designers.*
- **Accessories Designer of the Year award 2014**
- **Womenswear Designer of the Year award 2015**

Andrea Barber — *Kimmy*

- **Not an error: Between 'Full House' and 'Fuller House,' Barber only appeared in "It's [Bleeplin' Late with Dave Coulier," playing—wait for it—Kimmy Gibbler.**

Read our 'Fuller House' review on Page 10 »

All the cheese, none of the charm

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In 1987, ABC debuted a show called "Full House" about a widower who raises his three daughters with help from his brother-in-law and best friend. It was corny and arguably terrible, but in that comfortable and sometimes heartwarming sort of way. The show was unapologetically sweet, and amidst the deliveries of "How rude," "You got it, dude" and "Have mercy" were authentic nuggets about love and grief and growing up.

Nearly 30 years later (yes, you are that old), Netflix decided to capitalize on our nostalgia and resuscitate the gang for "Fuller House." The concept is almost exactly the same: D.J. Tanner-Fuller recently lost her husband, and she moves into her childhood home with sister Stephanie and best friend Kimmy to raise her three sons and Kimmy's daughter. What could go wrong?

BINGE METER
Episode count: 13
Episode length: 25-35 minutes
Total time: About 6.5 hours
Notes: You won't get past the third episode, so this is unnecessary information.

A lot, it turns out. In an age of remakes and reboots, it seems like the industry has stopped questioning whether or not a story needs to be revisited. Did certain characters not receive closure? Is there more to tell? It's not enough to say, "Well, people liked 'Full House' " and then create a new show around that. But that seems to be what happened here.

Is there a spark of joy in seeing all (well, almost all—the Olsen twins apparently couldn't be bought) our old friends gather around the Tanner kitchen table? Sure. In the first episode, "Fuller House" is comically self-aware as it fills the gaps in our characters' lives while winking at the audience. Danny is still a neat freak! Jesse and Becky are still hot for each other! Michelle is running her fashion empire in New York (get it?!)!

But then ... we're supposed to continue on with D.J., Stephanie and Kimmy as the "adults" all go back to L.A. Their children are grating and victims of the Disney Channel effect—stylized hair, fashionable clothing and eye rolls so dramatic you could see them from space.

'Fuller House'

★★★★ **FULLER HOUSE**
2:01 a.m. Friday, Netflix

The joy in the original came from its authenticity. There was bedhead and tears and poorly dressed children. These kids barely acknowledge that their father has apparently just died. And while there are moments of self-doubt between D.J., Steph and Kimmy, they feel forced and fake, as if someone threw in 30 seconds of sadness because that's what they were supposed to do.

"Fuller House" kept the catchphrases and terrible jokes, but someone forgot the heart. Netflix would have been better off ponying up for the original.

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Set the scene

6 WAYS TO SEE CHICAGO THEATER THIS WEEK

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Step away from the Netflix marathon and find your way into one of these local theaters for a belly laugh this week. Your guide to Chicago's affordable and under-the-radar theater scene awaits.

THURSDAY

'My Solo Show of All Duets'

The Annoyance Theatre & Bar, 851 W. Belmont Ave. 773-697-9693

After last year's sold-out one-night debut and a short run at iO's Mission Theatre, improv vet Rebecca Sohn brings back her wacky Broadway duet-loving alter ego Shirley Lamé for an hour-long musical show Thursdays through March 24. 8 p.m. $10-$15. Tickets: **theannoyance.com**

'The New Sincerity'

Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave. 773-975-8150

Chicago preview performances kick off for Alena Smith's comedy about an aspiring journalist swept up in the Occupy Wall Street movement in 2011. Stick around for a post-show discussion afterward. 8 p.m. $12. Tickets: **theaterwit.org**

'Meow What?: An Evening with Broken Lizard'

Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 773-929-5959

The guys behind "Beerfest" and "Super Troopers" are at it again with a one-night benefit performance for Halcyon Theatre and probably some updates on the status of their campaign to make "Super Troopers 2," an effort that pulled in more than $4 million from the first flick's cult following last year. 8 p.m. $25-$45. Tickets: **jamusa.com**

FRIDAY

'5 Shades of Cool'

The Revival, 1160 E. 55th St. 866-811-4111

All-female troupe EbonyEssenceJet (Ashley Bland, Kimberly V. Banks, Krystal Janigan, SaLesha Mason and Briané Goodrum) explores issues of identity and acceptance in this original sketch revue Friday and March 18. 7:30 p.m. $5-$10. Tickets: **the-revival.com**

SATURDAY

'The A.V. Club presents Bell Hop: A stand up comedy show with Ian Abramson'

Virgin Hotel Chicago, 203 N. Wabash Ave.

At this special performance of the A.V. Club comedy showcase, cameras from NBC's new Seeso streaming service will be rolling to capture stand-up from Danny Kallas and Rebecca O'Neal, sketch from Alex & Jude and music from rapper ShowYouSuck, among other featured guests, for a future episode of "The Comedy Show Show" that highlights unique comedy around the country. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free. (While tickets for both shows are sold out, producer Matt Byrne says there might be room for walk-ups at the door.) More information: **dime.io/events/bell-hop-seeso-taping**

MONDAY

'Gender is a Drag'

iO Theater, 1501 N. Kingsbury St. 312-929-2401

Gender is dissected, celebrated and complicated through a series of different mediums in this one-night event. 8 p.m. $12. Free for iO students and performers. Tickets: **ioimprov.com**

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By Shelbie Lynn Bostedt | REDEYE

While we've been treated to a very mild winter thus far, the blustery weather and constant threat of snow make this season bearable at best and miserable at worst, depending on what day you ask. You can skim travel books and create Pinterest boards of tropical getaways all you want, but Airbnb is upping the ante with private island homes at a discounted rate. Because why travel to an all-inclusive resort when you can have your own private island, right? Right.

As part of a current promotion, renters who book a private island or treehouse for $400 or more will receive a $100 discount on their stay. Logic follows that if you have the money to rent a private island, $100 probably won't matter too much, but it's still an incentive to get out there and live like royals. Here's a look at six ridiculous island rentals that caught our attention.

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1 Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *($2,000 per night)*

Nestled in a tropical rainforest, this private island comes equipped with three separate houses, a three-person staff and mountain and ocean views. Oh, and if you have your own helicopter, they're open to letting you park it on their personal landing pad.

2 Sugar Loaf Island, St. Patrick, Grenada *($500 per night)*

With a name like Sugar Loaf, this island is setting sweet expectations. Just off the north coast of Grenada, guests stay in a "single rustic building" with a generator that only runs in the evenings for light. The listing warns that this is "not a luxury experience" and that cuts and bruises are to be expected. Fret not, the safety features include a first aid kit if the wilderness gets the best of you.

3 Maravilhosa Ilha, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *($1,303 per night)*

Bring your buds (and their buds) to this private island off the coast of Brazil, which sleeps 16-plus people in seven personal suites. You can swim in the ocean or dive into one of the private pools accessible to guests. The relaxation options are endless—as long as you don't mind your friends tagging along.

4 Little Majors Spot, Exuma, Bahamas *($2,000 per night)*

This little piece of paradise comes equipped with beaches and cable TV (just in case it rains). Your private beach, aptly named Love Beach, is "one of the finest beaches in all the Bahamas," according to the listing. There's a four-night minimum, though, so it will run you at least $8,000. Never mind, that's $7,900 with the discount.

5 Isla Macias Retreat, Chile Chico, Chile *($1,000 per night)*

This private abode sleeps 10 with the help of bunk beds, but don't let that scare you off. Your bilingual host will be your personal guide and culinary curator. From trying traditional Patagonian dishes to boating around the island, your Instagram followers will hate you by the end of this trip.

6 Itacuruca Mangaratiba, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *($912 per night)*

"One house, an island, the paradise," the listing begins. Seven minutes off the mainland of Brazil (by boat, of course), this semi-private island comes with everything you could possibly need: two beaches, a gourmet kitchen, a soccer field and trails—just to name a few of the amenities. The owners' only request? No wet clothes inside the house. Sounds doable.

PRICES MAY CHANGE.

drink *of the week*

Red Velvet Ribbon ($4.50) at Spinning J, 1000 N. California Ave. 872-829-2793

By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

Getting a little spruced up when you've got the winter blues never hurt, right? Even if it's a sweatpants day, Spinning J's Red Velvet Ribbon soda might be the kind of spruce you're looking for.

When Dinah Grossman, co-owner of the Humboldt Park pie and soda shop, created the seasonal drink, she was picturing the holiday season in Maine with citrus fruits and evergreen wreaths with big red velvet ribbons. The concoction is a balance of sweet and tart with housemade cranberry-honey syrup and spruce and bitter orange essential oils. Careful not to overpower the drink with spruce, Grossman said the eucalyptus-like flavor "wakes up your senses" with the cranberry base and hints of citrus.

We raved about Spinning J when it opened over the summer: The shop's old-fashioned sodas feature fresh fruits, herbs, botanicals and essential oils in the soda syrups. Other drinks on offer this season are the peppermint patty hot chocolate with fudge sauce and marshmallows made in-house (and tinted green with chlorophyll) and a citrusy, herbal Snow Bird soda, with pink grapefruit syrup and avocado leaf and fennel bitters ($4.25 and $4.50, respectively).

And of course, there's plenty of pie to go around.

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15 Disc jockey's medium
16 Boast
17 Funny
18 Fascinating
20 Stetson or sombrero
21 Artist Warhol
22 City in England
23 Nighttime drink
25 One of the 12 sons of Jacob
26 Reliable: stable
28 Winner
31 Portions
32 Building block
34 Traitor
36 Flows back
37 Sealing goo
38 Actress Behrs
39 Court, as a future wife
40 Large kitchen appliance
41 Motherless calf
42 Shoe style
44 Leave high and dry
45 Recipe verb
46 __ up: animate
47 Not clear in meaning
50 "Penny __": Beatles song
51 "What'll __": Irving Berlin hit
54 Part of the White House
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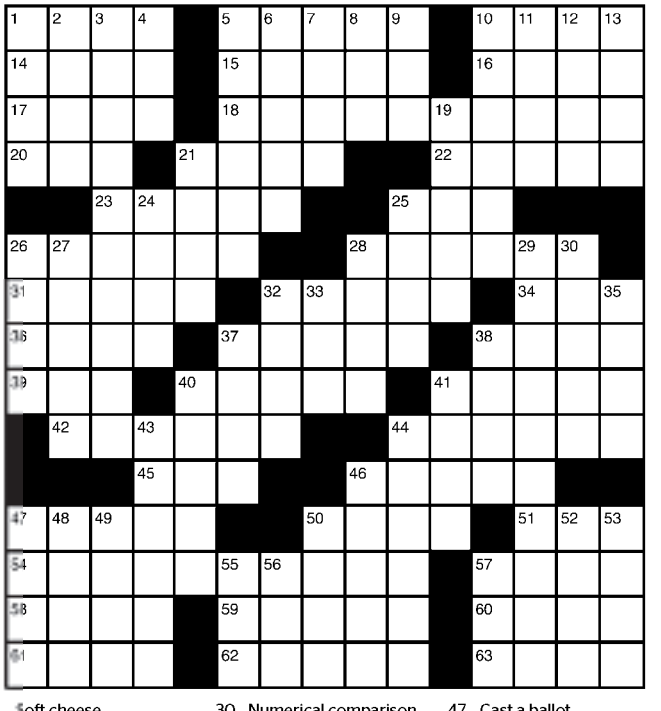

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8 Evergreen tree
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10 Not at work on a workday
11 Soft cheese
12 Come to shore
13 Omelet maker's purchase
19 Not taut
21 Tallies up
24 Cereal grains
25 Clark or Cavett
26 Gush forth
27 Forbidden item
28 Contemptible
29 Beaver State residents
30 Numerical comparison
32 Musical group
33 Carpet
35 At that time
37 Deuce or trey
38 Drill a hole
40 Roper's event
41 Actor Annable
43 Defective
44 The Seven Dwarfs, by trade
46 Intertwined
47 Cast a ballot
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» Chinese researchers recently released a prototype for a mind-controlled car.
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AND HERE'S YOUR HOST...

Jimmy Kimmel! The late-night show host is in negotiations to host this year's Emmy Awards, according to **variety.com**. It would mark the second time Kimmel has hosted the Emmys, the first being back in 2012, according to Variety. We are so, SO excited for this choice.

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THE QUOTE

"They're kind of sensationalizing the Kardashian name in it, but I think to bring the younger audience in."
—**Khloe Kardashian,** about the FX show "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story." Welp, we'll just leave that there.

THE DIGIT

$497M That's how much money "Deadpool" has made at the box office worldwide ($241 million domestically). According to **vulture.com**, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" made $259 million in its entire domestic run, and only seven movies made more in total last year than "Deadpool" has in just two weeks. "Deadpool" is on pace to be the highest-grossing R-rated movie of all time, according to Vulture.

What the what?

HBO is straight-up playing games with us. "Game of Thrones" has been tweeting photos of both living and dead characters, including **Arya Stark** (from left), **Oberyn Martell, Catelyn Stark** and **Jon Snow,** all looking pretty dead. We are left wondering at this point if there's any instance in which these characters will be coming back. We hope so, but who knows? Can the season start already?

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It's a crown affair

"Creed" star **Michael B. Jordan** is being tapped for a remake of heist thriller "The Thomas Crown Affair." According to **thr.com**, the project is in its early stages, with no writer or director attached. The movie originally came out in 1968 starring Steve McQueen and was remade in 1999 with Pierce Brosnan. 'Cause why not remake a movie twice? Womp, womp.

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